

## Q&A on National ZEV Investment Plan: 4.12.17

### 1. What is the National Zero Emission Vehicle Investment?

A: The National Zero Emission Vehicle Investment is part of the settlement partially resolving allegations that Volkswagen violated the Clean Air Act by selling 2.0 liter engine diesel vehicles that were equipped with “defeat devices”. The consent decree requires that Volkswagen invest \$1.2 billion outside California to advance zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) and ZEV infrastructure in the United States. This \$1.2 billion is to be invested evenly over four 30-month cycles, with \$300 million in each cycle.

### 2. What is the step being announced today?

A: EPA has notified Volkswagen that its National ZEV Investment Plan is approved. We anticipate that Electrify America (a subsidiary of Volkswagen) will now launch the first cycle of its National ZEV Investment and release a public summary of the National ZEV Investment Plan. The EPA has determined that this plan meets the requirements set forth in Appendix C of the consent decree (CD), which covers the ZEV Investment Commitment.

### 3. What is happening with the California plan?

A: The California ZEV Investment Plan has a different development and approval process than the National ZEV Plan, and is still undergoing review. For further information, please contact the California Air Resources Board.

### 4. What does the consent decree require to be included in the National Zero Emission Vehicle Investment Plan?

A: Generally, the CD requires the National Zero Emission Vehicle Investment Plan to describe the types and general locations of planned investments in ZEV charging or refueling infrastructure, a summary of the comments received during Electrify America’s public outreach, a description of the brand neutral education and outreach activities Electrify America will conduct, a description of the anticipated creditable costs associated with the plan, and an explanation of how the plan will advance the use of ZEVs in the United States. Infrastructure must be accessible and available to not only VW vehicles, but to all vehicles that use non-proprietary connectors.

### 5. What was EPA’s role in the National ZEV Investment Plan?

A: Under the CD, VW is solely responsible for every aspect of selecting the National ZEV Investments, including but not limited to, the category or combination of allowable categories of investments, as well as the timing and locations of any National ZEV Investment. EPA’s role was limited. EPA’s focus was on ensuring that Electrify America provided an opportunity for stakeholder input into the plans prior to any investment, considered the input it received in developing its plan, and that Electrify America complied with the requirements of the CD.

### 6. Where can I find the National Zero Emission Vehicle Investment plan?

A: A public summary of the plan will be posted on Electrify America’s website ([electrifyamerica.com](http://electrifyamerica.com)). The EPA will also make this available on our website, [epa.gov/vw](http://epa.gov/vw).

7. What is a zero emission vehicle?

A: For the purposes of the National ZEV Investment, ZEV generally refers to passenger vehicles with zero tailpipe emissions such as battery electric cars and fuel cell cars, as well as plug-in hybrid electric cars with an electric range greater than 35 miles. (See CD for a more detailed definition.)

8. What opportunities did states, tribes, and other organizations have to provide input on the National ZEV Investment Plan?

A: In accordance with the requirements set forth in the CD, Volkswagen (Electrify America) provided notice and opportunities for states, tribes, and federal agencies to provide input on its National ZEV Investment Plan. VW established a website [electrifyamerica.com](https://electrifyamerica.com) to collect proposals from the aforementioned groups, along with other stakeholders and the general public. The public summary of the National ZEV Investment plan being released today describes the comments received and how Electrify America took them into account when developing its plan.